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John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield: Saturday, June 20

June 5, 2015 – The Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Community Center, and Mansfield Downtown Partnership invite bicyclists of all skill levels to participate in the 10th Annual [John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield](#) on Saturday, June 20, 2015 (rain date is Sunday, June 21). The John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield is a family-oriented activity to encourage exercise through cycling, bring awareness to the scenic beauty of Mansfield's villages,* draw attention to Storrs Center, and bring the community together around a social and recreational activity.

The day has been designed to appeal to cyclists of all skill levels and will include a 5-Mile Family Fun Ride accompanied by police officers, a 20-Mile Challenge Ride, and a 40-Mile Expert Ride. All rides will begin and end at the Mansfield Community Center (10 S. Eagleville Road). All participants must wear a helmet and follow basic bicycle safety and the rules of the road.

Registration for the John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield is required; pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Residents age 18 and over who register by June 19 will pay \$25, and non-residents will pay \$35. Registration on the day of the event will be \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Participants under age 18 ride for free. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult who will ride with them. The registration fee covers ride support, snacks, and lunch. The first 100 adults to register will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Children are invited to participate in a free Bike Rodeo for kids. This event highlights road safety, equipment safety, and maintenance and riding skills. The Bike Rodeo will take place at the Mansfield Community Center beginning at 9:00 am.

Registration for the John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield is available through the Community Center's website, www.mansfieldcc.com. If you have questions, please contact the Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department, 860.429.3015.

**The Town of Mansfield's historic villages are: Merrow, Mansfield Depot, Mansfield Four Corners, Storrs, Gurleyville, Hanks Hill, Wormwood Hill, Mount Hope, Chaffeeville, Eagleville, Spring Hill, Atwoodville, Chestnut Hill, Mansfield City, Mansfield Center, Mansfield Hollow, Perkins Corner, Ridges, and Conantville.*